

This filing implements the provisions of Article VIII of the Settlement as the triggering event described therein has transpired. The total refund due customers is \$17,111,508. The refunds will be paid within 30 days of final Commission approval of this compliance filing.

Trunkline and TLNG request waiver, to the extent necessary, of any Commission Regulation, especially Section 154.207, to make this compliance filing and the enclosed tariff sheets effective April 1, 1999. Trunkline and TLNG request an effective date of April 1, 1999 in order to implement the Settlement on the first day of the month after the acquisition of Panhandle and its subsidiaries and affiliates.

Trunkline and TLNG state that copies of this filing have been served on all participants in the proceedings, jurisdictional customers and applicable state regulatory agencies.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1354]

#### **Pacific Gas & Electric Company California; Pacific Gas & Electric Company's Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Filing an Amendment to a Hydroelectric License Application**

May 26, 1999.

By letter dated May 11, 1999, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) asked for Commission approval to use an alternative procedure in filing an amended application for the 26.7-megawatt Crane Valley Project. PG&E

has demonstrated that it made a reasonable effort to contact the resource agencies, Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and others who may be affected by their proposal, and has submitted a communication protocol governing how participants in the proposed process communicate with each other. PG&E believes there is a consensus on using the alternative process. PG&E's request to use an alternative process says the United States Forest Service, the California Department of Fish and Game, Madera County, and the Madera County Irrigation District have indicated their agreement.

The purpose of this notice is to invite comments on PG&E's request to use the alternative procedure, as required by section 4.34(i)(5) of the Commission's regulations. Additional notices seeking comments on specific project proposals, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date.

The alternative procedure combines the prefiling consultation process with the environmental review process and allows the applicant to file an Applicant-Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) in lieu of Exhibit E of the amended license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which the applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs during preparation of the application for the license and before filing it, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedure is intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the prefiling consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants. The alternative procedure can be tailored to the project under consideration.

#### **Alternative Process and the Crane Valley Project Schedule**

In 1996 PG&E began a process of amending its application for a new license for the Crane Valley Project. Because the changes PG&E proposes are material changes, the Commission required PG&E to meet the consultation requirements of section 16.8 of the Commission's regulations. Since then, PG&E has been working collaboratively with the various interested entities to identify issues and environmental enhancement measures needed at the project. PG&E held public meetings on May 17, 1999 to receive public input and identify what, if any, additional

studies are needed. The Commission may schedule additional public scoping meetings and issue scoping documents to fulfill its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) responsibilities. Notice of any such scoping meetings would be published at least 30 days prior to the meetings.

Based on completing any required studies during the Summer of 1999, a draft amended license application with preliminary APEA would be distributed by PG&E for comment in April, 2000. The final amended license application and APEA would be filed with the Commission by June 30, 2000.

### Comments

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission, any comments on PG&E's proposal to use the alternative procedures to file an amended application for the Crane Valley Project.

### Filing Requirements

Any comments must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Dockets—Room 1A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

All comment filings must bear the heading "Comments on the Alternative Procedure," and include the project name and number (Crane Valley Hydroelectric Project, No. 1354-000). For further information, please contact Charles Hall at (202) 219-2853 or e-mail at [charles.hall@ferc.fed.us](mailto:charles.hall@ferc.fed.us).

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### **Declaration of Intention and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests**

May 26, 1999.

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Declaration of Intention.

b. *Docket No:* D199-5-000.

c. *Date Filed:* May 4, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* Leonard Murphy.

e. *Name of Project:* Lovejoy Mill Project.

f. *Location:* On Schoodic Stream, near Medford, Maine, in Piscataquis County,